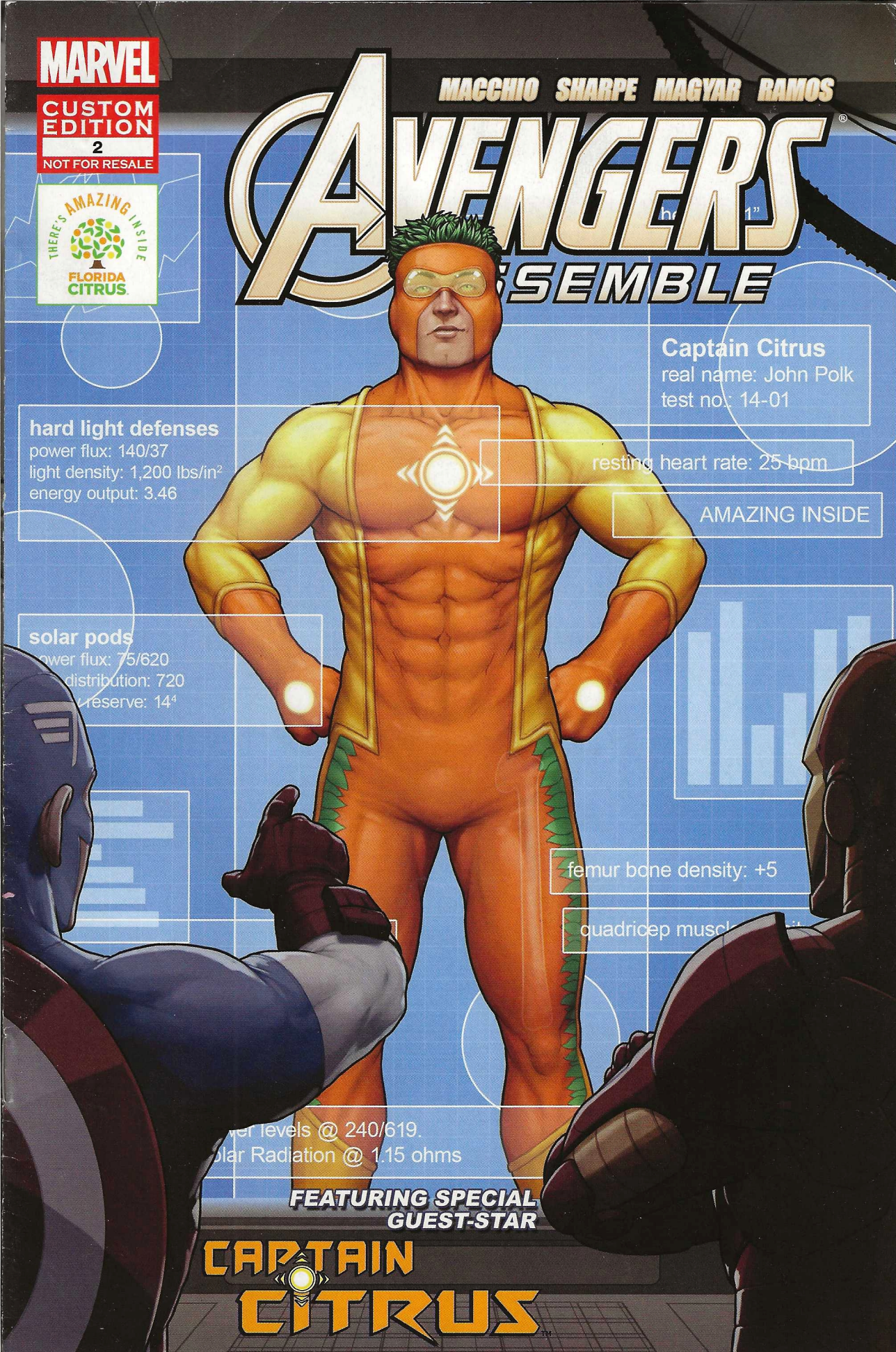
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CUSTOM EDITION
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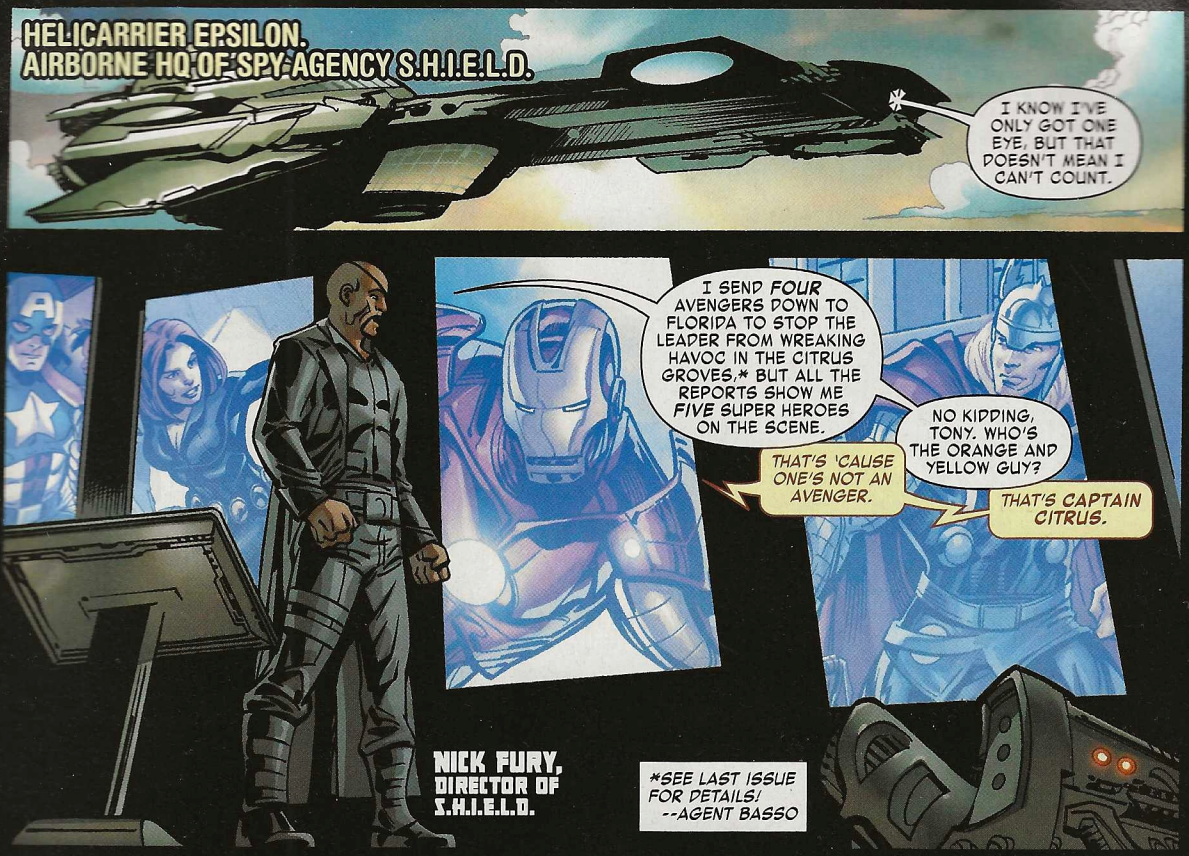
NOT FOR RESALE
THERE'S AMAZING INSIDE
FLORIDA CITRUS
MACCHIO SHARPE MAGYAR RAMOS
AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE
Captain Citrus
real name: John Polk
test no.: 14-01
hard light defenses
power flux: 140/37
light density: 1,200 lbs/in²
energy output: 3.46
resting heart rate: 25 bpm
AMAZING INSIDE
solar pods
femur bone density: +5
FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST-STAR
CAPTAIN CITRUS


HELICARRIER EPSILON.
AIRBORNE HQ OF SPY AGENCY S.H.I.E.L.D.
I KNOW I'VE ONLY GOT ONE EYE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T COUNT.
I SEND FOUR AVENGERS DOWN TO FLORIDA TO STOP THE LEADER FROM WREAKING HAVOC IN THE CITRUS GROVES,* BUT ALL THE REPORTS SHOW ME FIVE SUPER HEROES ON THE SCENE.
NO KIDDING, TONY. WHO'S THE ORANGE AND YELLOW GUY?
THAT'S 'CAUSE ONE'S NOT AN AVENGER.
THAT'S CAPTAIN CITRUS.
NICK FURY, DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.
*SEE LAST ISSUE FOR DETAILS! --AGENT BASSO

IRON MAN, HI-TECH KNIGHT!
SHOWED UP IN THE NICK OF TIME. HARDLIGHT AND SOLAR POWERS. HELPED SAVE THE DAY. YOU KNOW, SUPER HERO MATERIAL.

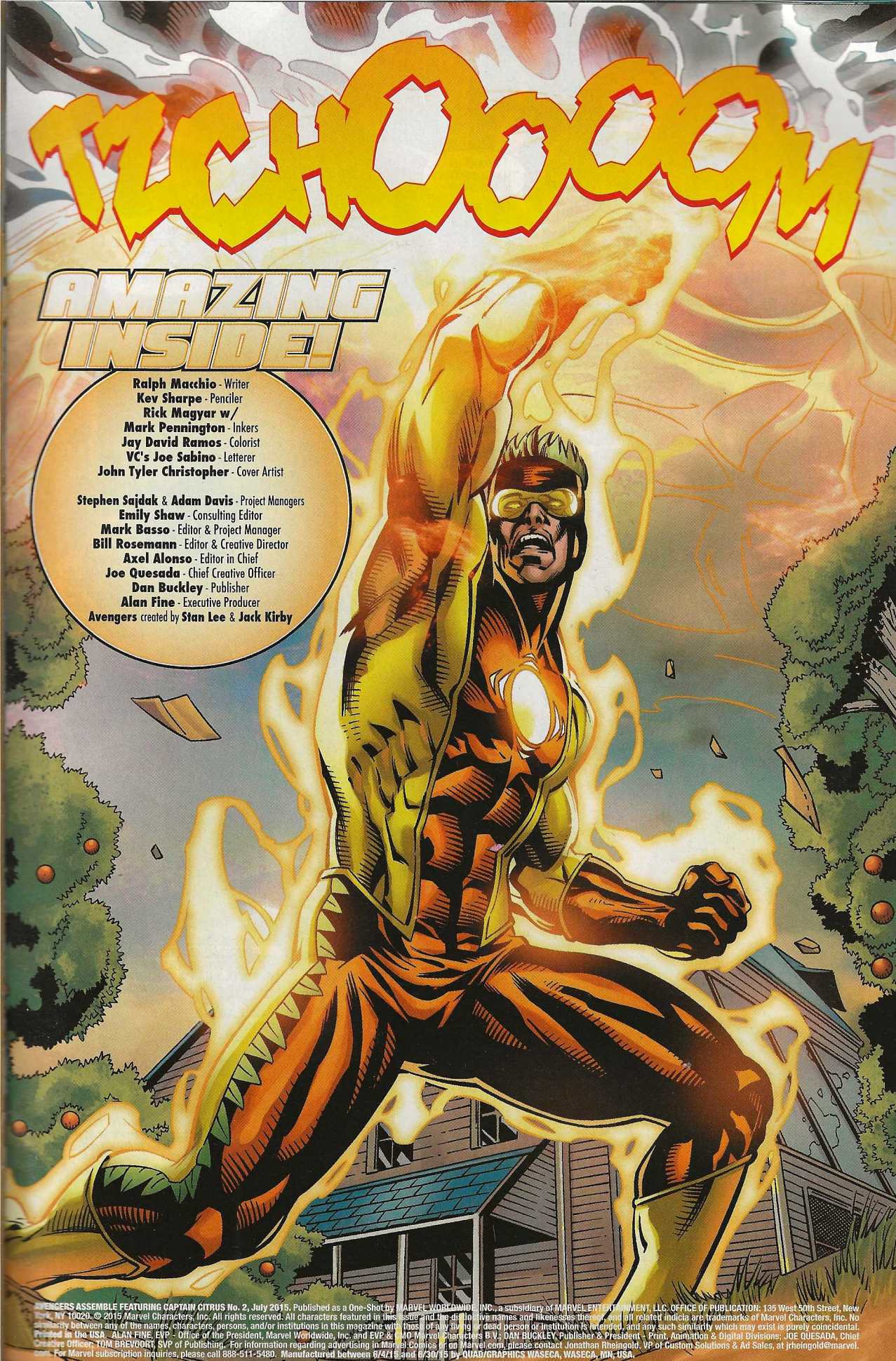
THOR, ASGARDIAN GOD OF THUNDER!
AS A WARRIOR, HE COULD STAND ALONGSIDE ASGARD'S FINEST.

CAPTAIN AMERICA, SUPER-SOLDIER!
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE'S GOT HEART. HE DIDN'T HESITATE TO PUT HIMSELF IN DANGER TO SAVE THE GROVES.

BLACK WIDOW, ESPIONAGE EXPERT!
SO HE'S A GOOD GUY. I GET THAT. BUT WHO IS HE? WHERE'D HE COME FROM?
YOU'RE A SPY, NATASHA. GOT ANYTHING A LITTLE MORE IN-DEPTH?
OF COURSE. I DID SOME DIGGING...

WEEKS AGO, AT THE POLK GROVE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA...
"...AND THERE'S A LOT MORE TO CAPTAIN CITRUS THAN MEETS THE EYE."
I STILL THINK I COULD MAKE THE TEAM, IF I TRIED OUT.
NO OFFENSE, JOHN, BUT A SKINNY GUY LIKE YOU ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM?
YOU'D GET SQUASHED!
THERE'S MORE TO FOOTBALL THAN MUSCLES, DEB.
IT'S A MENTAL GAME! YOU'VE GOTTA STRATEGIZE, AND WORK WITH YOUR TEAMMATES... IT'S LIKE BEING AN AVENGER!
BESIDES, I'M EATING RIGHT, DRINKING MY OJ--
THAT'S JUST IT. YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DITCH OUT ON HELPING MOM AND DAD IN THE GROVE FOR FOOTBALL PRACTICE.
THEY'LL NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET IF THESE FREAK STORMS KEEP UP. LOOK AT THIS!
YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I...
...THAT JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING LOOKS A CERTAIN WAY ON THE OUTSIDE...
...DOESN'T MEAN WHAT'S INSIDE IS ANY LESS AMAZING.
MMM. THE ORANGES...FINE. IT'S YOUR EXTERIOR I'D WORRY ABOUT ON A FOOTBALL FIELD.
THEY ALWAYS SAY IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS.
SPEAKING OF, WE SHOULD GET INSIDE THE HOUSE. I'VE NEVER SEEN A STORM COME UP THIS QUICKLY.
WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO LET DAD'S NEW LADDER RUST OUT HERE.

ZZZZ-
KRAAAK
LET ME GRAB THAT AND--
DEB-- LOOK OUT!
OOF!
PSSSS
NOT A BAD TACKLE. YOU--YOU SAVED MY LIFE, DUDE!
YOU'D HAVE DONE THE SAME. NOW LET'S--
GHOOMP
THEY LOOK LIKE SEEDS. I WONDER IF-- WHOA!
WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO YOU?!
WE'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER.
SIZZ
MOM AND DAD ARE INSIDE!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?!
GET THEM TO THE BASEMENT. I-I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.
WHOOSH
TCHMMM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JEAN, IS THAT...IS THAT OUR SON?
I DON'T KNOW, MARTIN. BUT WHOEVER IT IS JUST SAVED OUR HOUSE...AND THE GROVE!
IT IS ME, BUT--
THOSE CRAZY SEED POD THINGS! THEY FELL OUT OF THE SKY AND THEY'RE LIKE...MAGIC OR SOMETHING!
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE MAGIC, BUT I CAN FEEL SOME KIND OF...ENERGY FROM THEM. I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT. IT'S LIKE THEY'RE... PROTECTING ME.
BUT WHERE'D THOSE MUSCLES COME FROM...AND THE COSTUME? THEY FALL OUT OF THE SKY, TOO?
WHEN I APPROACHED THE HOUSE, I WAS TRYING TO THINK WHAT I COULD DO, WHAT A SUPER HERO WOULD DO IF THEY WERE ABLE TO STOP THIS, AND THEY JUST... APPEARED.
IT'S A MIRACLE, SON. THAT'S THE ONLY WORD FOR IT.
I HATE TO INTERRUPT SUCH A HEARTWARMING MOMENT...

BLIZZARD, COLD-HEARTED VILLAIN!
...BUT I THINK YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE PROBLEM WITH YOUR ORANGES.
OH, I JUST THINK THE CLIMATE'S NOT WHAT IT ONCE WAS. PERHAPS IT'S TIME YOU ALL MOVED ON TO GREENER PASTURES.
MY EMPLOYER WOULD BE HAPPY TO COMPENSATE YOU FOR THE LAND...BUT THE DAMAGE MAKES IT LESS VALUABLE THAN IT USED TO BE OF COURSE...
THE STORM...IT WAS YOUR DOING, WASN'T IT?!
WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE! THE POLK FAMILY'S OWNED THIS GROVE FOR GENERATIONS. YOU CAN'T THREATEN US!
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT.
SHHKRATAK
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO EARN THIS PAYCHECK THE HARD WAY.
K-CHANG
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOUR ICE WILL LAST IN THE PURE FLORIDA SUNSHINE?!
Z-CHOOM

LONG ENOUGH!
UNGH!
SKRAKKKT
AND BY THE TIME YOU THAW OUT, NOTHING WILL GROW ON THIS LAND AGAIN.
SKRAAKKK
BUT LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...
SKRRAKKK
...MY BOSS, JUSTIN HAMMER, MIGHT HAVE A FEW JOBS FOR YOUR FAMILY WHEN HE BUILDS HIS FACTORY HERE!

LET HIM GO, YOU MONSTER!
SORRY, FOLKS...
FSHHHH
OOF!
...THAT'S SNOW BUSINESS!
DEBORAH!
COME ON, SOLAR PODS--DO YOUR STUFF!
YOU GOTTA BREAK ME OUT OF THIS!
WAIT A MINUTE, IT WASN'T THE PODS THAT PROTECTED OUR HOUSE FROM THE STORM.
IT WAS ME! I ACTED TO PROTECT AND THE PODS FOLLOWED.
IT'S NOT THE TOOLS THAT GRANT THE POWER--

--THE POWER IS INSIDE!

TH-THAT ICE BLOCK WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD A RHINO! YOU CAN'T BE THAT STRONG!
LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING.
FCHOOM
OOOFF!
UNNNGH!
KSPLASH
UGH, NICE SHOT, BUT IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO--
GATORS?!
THEY'RE NOT PAYING ME ENOUGH FOR GATORS!

YOU DID IT!
I DID... I *DID*, DIDN'T I?
THAT'LL SHOW 'EM. YOU DON'T MESS WITH CAPTAIN CITRUS--*AND* HIS SIS.
CAPTAIN CITRUS...I LIKE THAT.
YOU KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS FELT CONNECTED TO THE LAND--TO THIS ORANGE GROVE.
THE NUTRIENTS IN THE SOIL, THE CLIMATE--EVERY ELEMENT CAME TOGETHER IN JUST THE RIGHT WAY TO CREATE THIS PLACE.
AND NOW, OTHER ELEMENTS--THESE SOLAR PODS--HAVE GIVEN ME A NEW *POWER*...AND *RESPONSIBILITY*.
TO MY FAMILY, OUR COMMUNITY... TO *MYSELF*.
SOON, THE WORLD WILL COME TO KNOW CAPTAIN CITRUS...
...AND PERHAPS JOHN POLK WILL COME TO KNOW HIM, AS WELL.

DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, FURY?
ALMOST RAISES MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS. WHERE'D YOU GET THIS INTEL?
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THAT A GOOD SPY NEVER REVEALS HER SOURCES.
KLIK
NOTHING IN HER STORY MAKES ME THINK CAPTAIN CITRUS IS A THREAT.
STILL, I'LL HAVE TO KEEP MY EYE ON HIM.
NO ONE KNOWS JUST HOW POWERFUL THOSE SOLAR PODS ACTUALLY ARE.
PTSSS PTSSS
BUT IF JOHN POLK IS AS HONORABLE A MAN AS THE WIDOW THINKS HE IS...
...I'D SAY THEY'RE IN GOOD HANDS.
THE END!